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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2004/5-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
17	State, Local and Transit Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds or modifies projects in Santa Barbara County. The projects included in this amendment are funded from the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Recreational Trails Program, State Freeway Service Plan, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 program. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 17 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SBCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SBCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Jim Kemp - Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- Karin Hodin - Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans